




Memorandum

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From: Lester A. Snow 
CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Subject: Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Activities for the CALFED Program

I have reviewed and concur with the modifications to the Scope of Work for Fish and Wildlife Service participation in CALFED Bay-Delta Program pursuant to the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act activities. It is our understanding that this participation will be used to satisfy the Service's FWCA responsibilities.

The activities described in the revised Scope of Work (attached) give the Service the responsibility for assisting in the development and preparation of the specific work products listed below while simultaneously satisfying the FWCA responsibilities. FWS staff will work with other CALFED Program team members, consultants, and staff from various CALFED agencies in completing this work. Additional detail is being provided to assist you in the selection of the staff to work with the program.

- Development of an ecosystem restoration component which successfully achieves the program goal of improving and increasing aquatic and terrestrial habitats and improving ecosystem functions in the Bay-Delta to support sustainable populations of diverse and valuable plant and animal species.
- Development of a storage and conveyance component which protects and benefits fish and wildlife resources while achieving the program goal of reducing the mismatch between supplies and current and projected beneficial uses.

CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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- Development of a water quality component which protects and benefits fish and wildlife resources while achieving the program goal of providing good water quality for all other beneficial uses.
- Development of a levee system integrity component which protects and benefits fish and wildlife resources while achieving the program goal of reducing the risk of levee failure and associated adverse impacts to economics, water quality and infrastructure.
- Development of affected environment - existing condition technical reports for fish, wildlife, vegetation, habitat and special status species.
- Selection and development of assessment methods, significance thresholds, and mitigation strategies for fish, wildlife, vegetation, habitat and special status species including recommendations for refinement of alternatives to avoid or reduce impacts in these areas.
- Conduct Impact analysis for fish, wildlife, habitat and special status species including cumulative, growth inducing, short-term uses vs. long-term productivity and irretrievable and irreversible impacts.

We are able to immediately fund the two full time positions, of the four positions which you projected as the FWS participation in the Program for the 1997 fiscal year. We are currently seeking additional appropriation which would fund the remaining level of effort. We will notify you as soon as this funding becomes available so that you can proceed with filling the remaining positions. As we anticipate that the fulltime FWS staff will be working as part of the program team, we have allocated office space for these positions at the CALFED offices at 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155 in Sacramento and request that FWS staff working on CALFED activities plan on spending a minimum of 50% of their time in the CALFED offices. This will ensure opportunities for close coordination and exchange of information between the FWS and other members of the Program team.

Pauline Nevins is currently working with the Bureau of Reclamation contracting staff to establish the appropriate contracting mechanism. Please contact her at (916) 657-2666 when you expect to have staff available to begin this work effort, ideally within this month. If you have any questions please contact Sharon Gross or Wendy Halverson Martin at the above number.

cc: Chuck Solomon
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